(b) the action taken to publicise widely their views on extension of global war against terrorism to Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The joint statement said that international terrorism, which is characterized by high degree of brutality, cold-bloodedness and fanaticism, is not directed at the US alone but at the shared values and convictions of all freedom loving people all over the world. It called for increased global action in the fight against terrorism and recognized the need for a binding International Convention to regulate the principles of fighting terrorism and forms of cooperation. The statement also reiterated German support for India's efforts for a draft UN Convention on combating terrorism and the common goal to conclude a comprehensive convention against international terrorism through constructive, targeted discussions.

(b) Apart from publicity through normal print and electronic media, Government has recently set up an Inter-Ministerial Group on Counter Terrorism headed by Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs to promote international awareness about the efforts made by the Government to Counter Terrorism to legitimate governments and civil societies the world over.

Lottery Mafia in Assam

3082. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lottery mafia have started spreading its network in Assam again;

(b) the measures proposed to be checked the adverse effect of lottery; and

(c) the directions proposed to be issued to the State Government to ensure that sale proceeds of lottery funds do not go in the hands/coffers of the militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.